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May 1, 2019

The Honorable Paul Pate  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 346, an Act creating the criminal offense of female genital mutilation and providing penalties.

The above Senate File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds  
Governor of Iowa



Senate File 346

AN ACT

CREATING THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 708.16 Female genital mutilation.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a person who knowingly circumcises, excises, or infibulates, in whole or in part, the labia majora, labia minora, or clitoris of a minor commits a class "D" felony.

2. A surgical procedure is not a violation of subsection 1 if the procedure is performed by a medical professional who holds a current license in this state necessary to perform the surgical procedure under any of the following circumstances:

a. When necessary to protect the health of the minor on whom the procedure is performed.

b. When performed on a minor who is in labor or who has just given birth and is performed for medical purposes connected with that labor or birth.

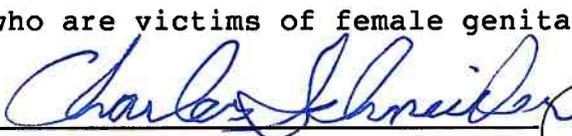
3. In determining whether a surgical procedure performed pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph "a", is a violation of subsection 1, consideration shall not be given to any belief the minor or any other person holds that the surgical procedure is required based on custom or ritual.

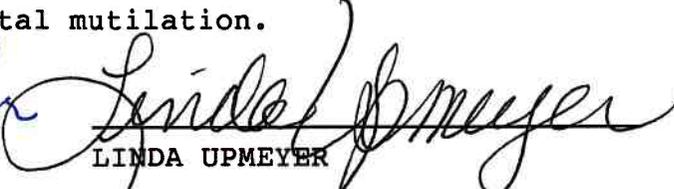
4. A person who knowingly transports a minor within or outside of this state for the purpose of performing a procedure that would be a violation of subsection 1 if the procedure

occurred in this state, commits a class "D" felony.

Sec. 2. EDUCATION CAMPAIGN — HEALTH RISKS, PROHIBITION, CRIMINAL PENALTIES — FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION. The crime victims assistance division of the office of the attorney general, in collaboration with community insiders and culturally specific victims services programs, shall initiate an education campaign to increase awareness regarding the health risks of, the prohibitions against, and the criminal penalties associated with female genital mutilation as specified in this Act.

Sec. 3. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING — FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION. The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics shall develop educational programming including protocols for physicians to provide safe health care and treatment to women who are victims of female genital mutilation.

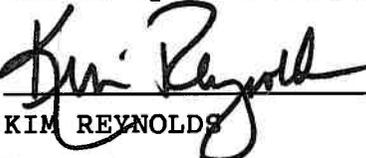
  
CHARLES SCHNEIDER  
President of the Senate

  
LINDA UPMEYER  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 346, Eighty-eighth General Assembly.

  
W. CHARLES SMITHSON  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

  
KIM REYNOLDS  
Governor